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Now in its thirteenth year, the Holiday House Tour is sponsored by Marion's Sippican Woman's Club. Six homes, their identities kept secret until tour day, will be open to ticket holders and decorated for the season, both Christmas and Hanukkah.

Included in the ticket price will be the Sugar Plum Tea from 1:30 to 4:30 at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion Village. Holiday greens and arrangements will be for sale in the Music Hall, prepared by the Marion Garden Discussion Group. Luncheon, at an additional cost of $7, will be served in the Community Building of the Congregational Church in Marion Village from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Reservations (748-1053) are strongly suggested. Tickets for the Holiday House Tour (including the Sugar Plum Tea) are $12 in advance and $15 on Tour Day.

Advance tickets are now available at the Marion General Store, The Sitting Duck, The Bookstall, and Sippican Hardware in Marion; the Opulent Owl and Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoisett; McGovern's Good Earth at G. Bourne Knowles in Fairhaven. On Tour Day, tickets may be purchased for $15 at the Music Hall (morning only) and Coldwell Banker Hayes Associates (both in Marion Village). Brochures will also be available at these two sites. All parking is at Island Wharf. Proceeds from the Holiday House Tour are donated to scholarships for area residents.

The last great Holiday Wreath and Decoration Sale of the century will also fill the Marion Music Hall on Front Street with pine and holly, bows and balls on the same day — Saturday, December 11. The Marion Garden Discussion Group will offer unique centerpieces, tree decorations and ornaments for holiday home and table or for greatly-appreciated gifts. There will be a "Wreath Bar" with a buffet of delightful decorations for your to create your own custom door decor. All profits will be dedicated toward the beautification of Marion for residents and visitors to enjoy. Come shop from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (or until all the goodies are gone) and the group will hold your treasures for you while you go on the Holiday House Tour!

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Above: *Former Old Hammondtown School Principal William H. Reed, who faithfully served at the school from 1976 to 1994, was honored this year by having the school cafetorium named after him. A dedication ceremony was held at the end of the last school year which was attended by Mr. Reed and his immediate family. (Photo courtesy of Old Hammondtown School).*

On the cover: *Despite rainy weather, Rochester residents turned out for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting which was held outside the Town Hall on Monday, December 6. Students from Memorial School sang a series of holiday tunes while officials illuminated the tree and various Town Hall decorations. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

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Holiday Service

Christmas at Mattapoisett Chapel

The Annual Christmas Service in the Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will be held on Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy a simple service run by area children, in an old-fashioned setting. Any child or adult that would like to participate with a reading, musical instrument, or just sing in the choir may do so by contacting Kate Webb at 758-2567 or Nancy Tinkham at 758-6249 in advance. Please note that the time and date have been changed in the hope that more people can attend and participate.

Principal Honored

Old Hammondtown Cafetorium Dedicated

When students returned to Old Hammondtown School this fall they noticed something new hanging on the wall outside the school's cafetorium. It was the lettering that states the name given to that room at the assembly held on the last day of school in June.

To honor Mr. William Reed, who served as principal of the school from 1976 to 1994, the assembly room at Old Hammondtown School was selected as the

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room that would be named for him. Mr. Reed always enjoyed spending time with his students, and did a lot of just that in the school's cafetorium. According to Mr. Reed, one of the best parts of each school day was when he was in the cafeteria with the students at lunch time.

Among the many reasons listed for honoring Mr. Reed were his professionalism, friendship, generosity, sense of community, patience, unselfishness, dedication, and — most importantly — his caring for all of his students then and now.

The dedication ceremony was a surprise for Mr. Reed, along with the attendance of his son who came from Washington, DC for the occasion. The standing ovation from the audience, which was filled with students, parents, teachers, friends, administrators, and town officials, exemplified the respect that Mr. Reed earned and deserved during his tenure at Old Hammondtown School.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 7, 1999

By Ilana L. Mackin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:02 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Ray Andrews, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

Selectman Andrews began the evening by moving to accept the minutes of the November 30 meeting as well as the November 30 Executive Session. The board then appointed David Demski of 3 Eddy

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Road to the Marine Advisory Board and Timothy J. O'Connor was named an Alternate to the Center and Old Hammondtown School Renovations Committee.

Meetings scheduled throughout the week included:

• Thursday, December 9 at 12:00 noon - Meeting held with Southeastern Managers in Mattapoisett;

• Friday, December 10 at 4:30 pm - Police Officers Association will hold the second skateboard park meeting in the Town Hall conference room.

Under weekly correspondence, the board received a letter of request to have a "boat ramp closure between the hours of 11:00 pm and 5:00 am daily" was submitted by Selectman Andrews to the Public Access Board. This request was approved by MPAB Director John Sheppard in an effort to minimize the disturbance of the residential area

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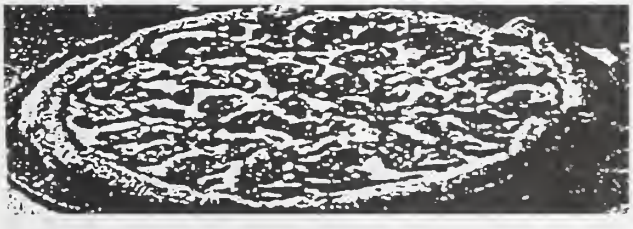
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surrounding the boat ramp during peak use periods. This request will need to be renewed on a yearly basis.

A letter informing Ms. Adams that the town was approved by the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund Administrative Review Board for a grant request of $36,398.61.

The Marine Advisory Board (MAB) recommended the board send "a letter to Taylor Aquaculture stressing concerns pertaining to his obligations regarding the contact he has with the town." The MAB's recommendations included that the seasonal channel markers which are required to be installed by April 15, 2000 be painted and consistent for both the inner and outer markers and that the current dog leg be corrected and the yellow perimeter markers for the south east and southwest corners be illuminated with higher intensity yellow flashing lights with year-round operation.

Under the Executive Secretary's Report, Ms. Adams noted the hours of the Mattapoisett Transfer Station are Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The deadline date for submissions for the Annual Town Report is January 24, 2000. Submission date for Articles, Street Acceptances and Petitions for the Annual Town Meeting warrant is also January 24, 2000. Anyone planning to submit a Petition, Article or Street Acceptance and will for some reason not have the paper work completed by the deadline needs to notify Carol Adams by January 24.

The board met with Water/Sewer Superintendent William Nicholson and Water/Sewer Commissioners Donald Linhares, Gary Gasper and James Huntoon to discuss the details and progress of the seven current projects they have been working on.

Mr. Nicholson provided an in-depth account of the seven projects beginning with the Mattapoisett River Crossing for which Town

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Meeting allocated $158,000. The project survey work has been completed and statistics are currently being gathered in regards to what now needs to be done and how to approach it. The survey should be ready by next spring with a timeline to begin work next summer.

The East End Water Tank Project which includes rehabilitating the 500,000-gallon tank is underway. Mr. Nicholson reported that this $200,000 project they are currently working on includes building the specifications for the plan this winter and they hope to start work by next summer.

The third and fourth projects were described by Mr. Nicholson as a two part-project that is focused on the design, placement and architecture of a new combo Fire and Water Department Building to be placed on the land behind the Police Department. The feasibility project to determine the needs for the building's size and placement with regards to traffic flow to the surrounding streets has been put into a draft proposal by the architect and reviewed by Mr. Nicholson and Fire Chief Ronald Scott.

"We have the property up there and the utilities," Mr. Nicholson said. "It's a really good spot provided the lot can take the building."

The fifth project Mr. Nicholson described to the board was the preliminary design of the water mains to the Mattapoisett Neck and Brandt Beach areas. He said they have been concerned with the problems they've been faced with due to the town's poor mapping and an aerial photography survey was the first step they had to take. "Though the costs are more ... it will pay off in the long run," Mr. Nicholson said, projecting that work will not be undertaken until 2001.

The sixth project has been the focus on the unlined cast iron mains in the town's water system that were initially installed in 1912-1913. "In the past there have been options which include digging them

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up to be cleaned and mined, 'pigging' the lines with a soft material that is physically pushed into them with hydrolics bringing the lines back to their original shape," he said. He added they are trying to get a good handle on this project before beginning the work and they will be looking to bid for a low contractor to help them plan and get the project off the ground.

The seventh project which Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Huntoon concurred has been completed was the removal and replacement of the #4 water pumping station that was installed initially in 1971. This new pump will keep the station efficient, reliable and running according to Mr. Nicholson.

Other projects that have been completed this year include the completion of the Ned's Point Sewer Project that "I'm happy to say we have 120 extra potential lines for tie-ins," he said.

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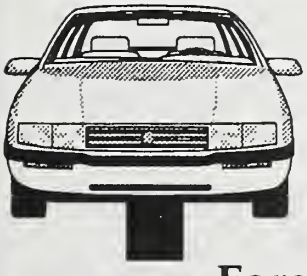

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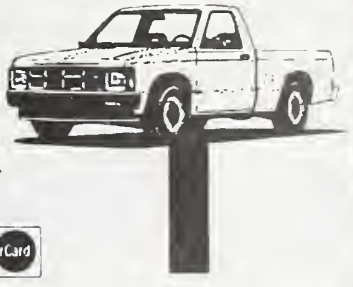

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"It was very good to get the cooperation we received between the contractor and the Highway Department," added Mr. Huntoon.

A time line schedule report was presented to the board by Mr. Nicholson, putting the various projects that they are undertaking on paper. Selectman Denham's only concern with all the projects that the Water/Sewer Commission has undertaken, will the plans will have a long "shelf-life" in consideration of the money already spent in engineering if they take many years to come to fruition?

"We seem to be pretty ambitious in our planning," Selectman Denham said. Mr. Nicholson responded by stating that the gravity direction isn't something that is going to change and the best way to do the projects is to collect the sewage and then send it to a treatment plant. "We have a lot of irons in the fire and we're still looking to move forward," he said.

"I think there's more ambition to accomplish these projects now than there ever was," said Chairman Lambalot. "It's all about the quality of life and what we're willing to give and what we're willing to pay."

The board thanked the Water/Sewer Commissioners for presenting them with such an in-depth report and at 8:00 pm motioned to take a five-minute recess before going into Executive Session to discuss the bike path with Town Counsel. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 7, 1999
By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman Albert E. Winters, Selectman

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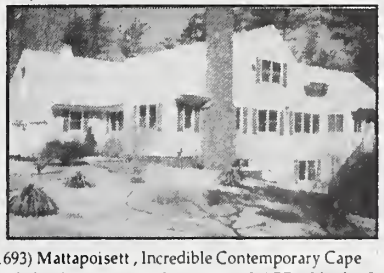

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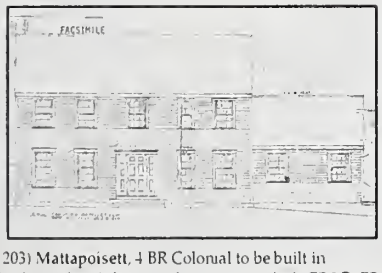

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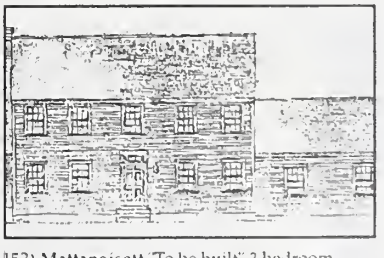

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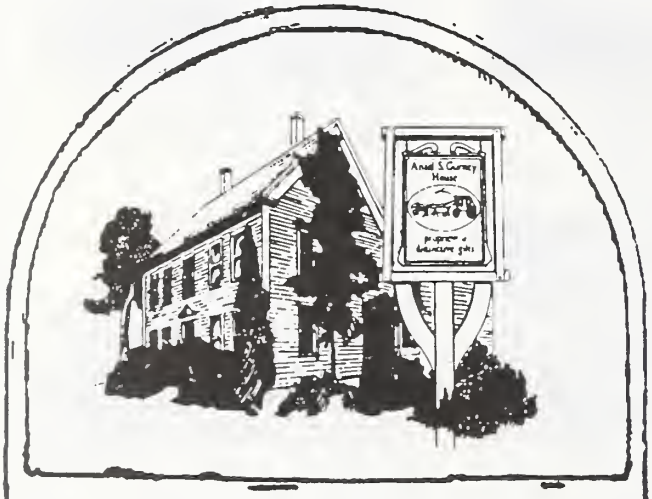

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Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Town Administrator Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After signing the treasury warrant for the week and unanimously approving the minutes of the November 30 meeting, the board signed and approved a special license for a New Year's Eve Party to be held at the Marion Social Club and also a special license for an event to be held on December 18 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall.

At 7:05 pm the board met with Dorothy Drolett who wanted to present the board with a special 2000 calendar she made depicting various scenes throughout Marion. Ms. Drolett showed the various scenes for each month to those present and noted that only one image was photographed outside Marion: Eastover Farms and the Clydesdale horses in Rochester.

Chairman Schaefer thanked her for the gift. "This presents a very nice snapshot of our community and your love for it," she said.

At 7:10 pm the board unanimously voted to approve the various license renewals for fiscal year 2000 with the sole exception of Village Bakery which was later approved via majority vote with Selectman Dickerson abstaining.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received notification from the Massachusetts Highway Department that Marion will receive $72,059.20 in Chapter 90 monies for fiscal year 2000.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) also sent notification that the town's locally assessed values of real and personal property has been certified for fiscal year 2000. The Board of Assessors have previously recommended and the board has previously voted to retain a single tax rate for both personal and commercial property in Marion.

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Massachusetts Highway Commissioner Matthew Amorello sent a letter to the board reminding the town that the enforcement of posted weight limits on bridges within Marion is under their jurisdiction. The board noted that there is only one weight-posted bridge in Marion which spans across the Sippican River on County Road.

Shellfish Officer Kevin Snow sent a memo to the board advising that the seasonal closure of the Weweantic River from Dexter Beach north to Route 6 will be open as of December 6.

Mr. Pickles then presented the board with two contracts for CDM Engineering — one in the amount of $34,000 for a planning study to forecast the next permit limits at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the other for $53,000 for a Construction Services Contract and the hiring of an onsite engineer ("Clerk of the Works"). The board unanimously voted to authorize the chairman to sign the contracts on their behalf.

At 7:15 pm the board met with various members of the Marion

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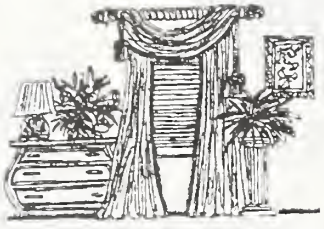

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School Committee, the ORR District School Committee, and other school officials for an updated "State of the Schools" presentation. The purpose of the presentation was to bring residents up to speed on the building project at Sippican School, the future plans for the expansion of ORR Junior and Senior High Schools, and the overall goals for education.

Ben Bryant of the Sippican School Building Committee noted that they just published a new timeline for the project which makes up for the delays last summer in getting rid of asbestos from the site. "This allows us to continue on our current schedule without further delays," Mr. Bryant said. "We plan to open on time on September 5, with the new addition completed by the end of December, 2000. That will allow us to move into the classrooms one time during the Christmas break ... the final project looks to be completed in the spring of 2001."

A newsletter called the *Sippican School Building News* is being mailed to parents and others upon request. The newsletter highlights some key deadlines and the overall progress of the project.

Andrew Jeffrey of the ORR District School Committee reviewed some of the changes in the planned expansion at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School and Old Rochester Regional High School. He again confirmed student enrollment estimates for the next 15 to 20 years and stressed that the existing facility will no longer accommodate those numbers. "Within the next 15 to 18 years, we're going to max-out the site," he said. "If we don't build this high school in the next few years, we'll likely have trailers out there."

Given the limitations of the existing site — of which two-thirds is wetlands and cannot be built upon — the new plan calls for a common cafeteria and food preparation area connecting the two schools and some shared athletic areas. In order to meet the requirements and deadlines for state funding on the project, all three towns will hold Town Meetings in April of 2000 to vote on local funding for the expansion — Mattapoisett on April 10 and 11; Rochester on April 12; and Marion on April 24.

"While ORR may look nice, it doesn't really meet the needs of today's educators," Mr. Jeffrey said.

ORR School Superintendent Betty Quinn reviewed some of her personal long-term goals for education throughout the district and also advised that the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test results would be released this week on December 8. Ms. Quinn said the district plans to look at the results both on an individual basis and as an indication of the district's overall progress. Among her other primary goals: have a new principal selected and appointed for the junior high school by March of 2000 and one for the high school in April, 2000.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 6, 1999

By Kenneth J. Souza

After the official Tree Lighting Ceremony outside of Town Hall, a regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:19 pm on Monday, December 6 by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Patricia Ryan, Selectman Naida Parker, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere. Town Administrator James Huntoon was not present for the meeting.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the November 29 meeting with some corrections, the board unanimously voted to approve the official naming of "Boxberry Lane" as per a recommendation from the Planning Board. They also signed and approved an Alcoholic Beverage Server's License for Towne Pizza & Restaurant with established hours as 10:30 am to 10:30 pm, Monday through Saturday, and 12:00 noon to 10:30 pm on Sunday.

The board also discussed their recent perambulation of the common town bounds with Wareham last weekend and said they would send a letter of appreciation to Wareham officials along with a certificate of perambulation.

Chairman Cutler informed his fellow board members of a recent presentation made to the emPOWERment group regarding street lights. According to Chairman Cutler, some of the larger communities in Massachusetts have been able to reduce their street light expenses by purchasing the lights and brackets outright from Com/Electric. Once said fixtures have been in use for 14 years, their depreciation is zero, and the town owns them. "Rochester only has fifteen street lights," he said, "but once we own the lights, we can lease (the fixtures)

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Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received notification from the Massachusetts Highway Department that the Town of Rochester will be receiving $148,445.01 in Chapter 90 funding for fiscal year 2000.

The board also received a letter from Richard Howland criticizing the recent behavior of a member of the Conservation Commission (ConCom). The board agreed to send a reply to Mr. Howland advising they had received his letter and would investigate this matter further.

Chairman Cutler noted receipt of a letter and questionnaire from the Plymouth County Commissioners regarding use of county services. The board agreed to have the questionnaire forwarded to all department heads for their input. "It's obvious to me that Rochester is not taking advantage of a lot of county programs," Chairman Cutler said.

Selectman Ryan also updated her fellow board members on the ongoing ambulance/paramedic issue

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with St. Luke's Hospital. Selectman Ryan said that at the present time the hospital is proposing to provide some type of joint service for Acushnet, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

"It looks like we're talking about individual ambulance services for each of the three towns and a shared paramedic service," Chairman Cutler said.

"I'm keeping Rochester in the discussions because even though we don't use St. Luke's Hospital as much as Tobey Hospital, the decisions made here are going to create a ripple effect," Selectman Ryan said.

In other matters, the board:

• Voted to send a letter to the Massachusetts Highway Department in response to their suggestion that the town is responsible for repairs and maintenance to all bridges. "I'd recommend that we send a letter back to (the Massachusetts Highway Department) and advise that if they are inspecting bridges in Rochester, they should be sharing their information with the Board of Selectmen and Highway Surveyor," Chairman Cutler said.

• Agreed to hold payment of the latest Town Counsel Invoice from the firm of Perry, Hicks, Crotty, and Deshaies pending an explanation of expenses. "I have questions on a number of items," Chairman Cutler said. "I don't know why we're consulting Town Counsel on some of these things."

• Unanimously voted to appoint Patty Benner to the Cell Tower Siting Committee as per a recommendation from Chairman Mark Wellington. The

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committee recently held their first organizational meeting, at which Ms. Benner expressed interest in joining and serving as secretary.

• Voted to send a letter of condolence to the City of Worcester on behalf of the Town of Rochester for their recent loss of six firefighters during a fatal fire.

• Reminded residents that they will be judging the Annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest on Monday, December 20. This year five prizes will be awarded to those participating. Residents who wish to have their doors judged for the competition should contact the Board of Selectmen's office at the Rochester Town Hall: 763-3872.

• Voted to send a letter of appreciation to the Rochester Highway Department for assisting with decorating Town Hall for the Tree Lighting Ceremony this evening and also to Memorial School for their participation in the program.

• Agreed to meet with the Capital Planning Committee on Wednesday, December 29 to discuss future purchases and the town's long-term goals.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:30 pm.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

With the end of the year and the holiday season once again upon us, the Marion Local Scholarship/Education Fund Committee would like to remind all Marion taxpayers to please remember the Scholarship/Education Fund when receiving the yellow contribution form that will be enclosed with your tax bill. All contributions to the fund are fully tax-deductible. Voluntary donations can be made in celebration of a special person or event or in memory of someone special. Donations in any amount are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

This fund was established by Town Meeting in April 1994 and since that time, has awarded fourteen Marion residents scholarships based on their financial need, character, scholastic record, extracurricular activities, and involvement in community affairs. Eleven of the recipients have been graduates of Old Rochester Regional High School, one a graduate of Bishop Stang High School, one a graduate of Upper Cape Cod Voc-Tech, and one a Marion mother returning to school after taking time to raise her family. In addition to providing scholarships, the Education portion of the fund has awarded money to the Volunteers at Sippican School (VASE) Technology Fund drive to purchase a lap top computer for use at Sippican School.

Because of these awards the Marion Scholarship Fund is almost totally depleted. We hope to be able to award scholarships again this year to some of our worthy local students who need assistance in meeting the daunting cost of furthering their education and to be able to assist local schools.

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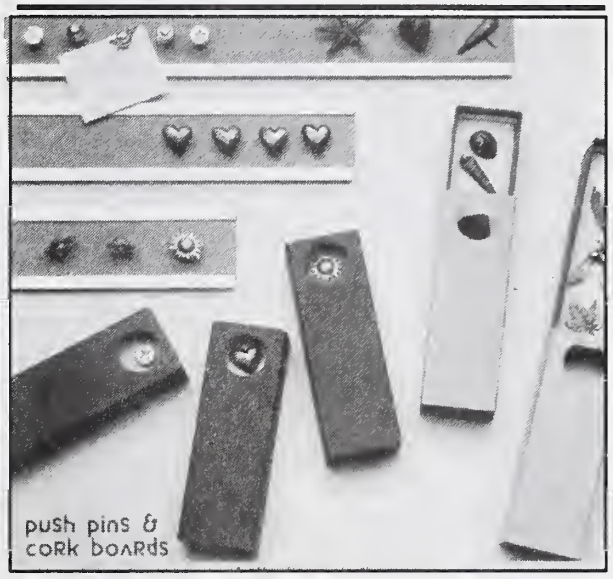

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To the Editor:

The Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) sincerely thank our sponsors for their support in helping us reach the goal of purchasing a brand new Kawai Artist Grand Piano for Old Rochester Regional High School. This piano replaces a forty-year-old Sohmer that was purchased when the high school was built. $12,000 was raised in less than a year by having patrons "purchase" the piano parts. We are thrilled with the response from the community and we are forever indebted to our sponsors for their generosity, appreciation of music and support of the ORR Music Department.
Sincerely,
Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM)

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Tri-Towns Receive COA Grants

State Senator Marc R. Pacheco (D-Taunton) and State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) recently announced that Rochester, Marion, and Mattapoisett have received Council on Aging grant monies. The communities, amount of Formula grants, and intended purposes are as follows: Marion ($4,410) to provide additional hours for the van driver and print newsletters; Mattapoisett ($5,800) to defray transportation costs; and Rochester ($2,600) to defray van transportation costs.

In addition, Marion and Mattapoisett received Service Incentive Awards for one-time or innovative grant funding to enhance or expand COA service capabilities. The awards are as follows: Marion ($2,772) to fund the position of Outreach Coordinator Specialist; and Mattapoisett ($1,800) to purchase computer equipment software and training.

"These resources will go a long way in meeting the needs of our local seniors," said Senator Pacheco. "The money awarded from these grants will provide transportation for many home-based seniors to enjoy the wide variety of activities that the Councils' offer daily."

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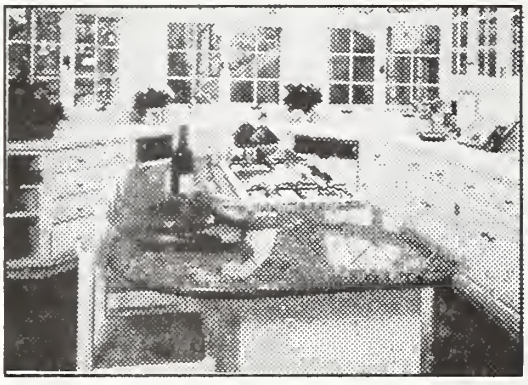

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"I am pleased that the state can assist our local Councils on Aging address their priority projects with those grants," said Representative Straus.

Mattapoisett PTA Fund-raiser

The Mattapoisett PTA has found a great new fund-raiser for the local schools: www.SchoolCash.com. It's an online shopping service where you click onto the website, enter the registration number of either school — Center School (00438366) or Old Hammondtown School (00438378) — then just shop online as usual with popular merchants such as Amazon.com, EToys, Paul Frederick, Hickory Farms, and the like. The schools will earn six to ten percent of each sale! Parents, grandparents, friends ... this is a great opportunity to support the schools year-round! Thank you for your support.

Center School Holiday Show

Mattapoisett's Center School students in Grades 1 to 3 will participate in the holiday production, "Once on a Housetop" by John Jacobson and John Higgins. Come join a group of chimney sweeps as they dance across the rooftops of the town and discover the many different ways that families celebrate the winter holidays: from the candles of Hanukkah to bright piñatas, from a baby born in a stable to the uplifting message of Kwanzaa. Of course, we can't forget that big red fellow in the chimney!

In this annual time of renewal and rebirth, it is wonderful to celebrate our similarities and our diversity. The children will tell the story which combines both humor and warmth with original songs. The Intergenerational Chorus, which includes several grandparents and parents of Center School children, will join in this endeavor.

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Marion Ambulance Fund

The Marion Ambulance Fund has reached $95,000 thanks to many residents who have donated thus far. The sum of $15,000 is still needed to reach the goal of $110,000 for the purchase of the new ambulance. There are still approximately 1600 households not heard from. Remember that donations are tax-deductible and no amount is too large or too small. Please send your donations to: Marion VFW Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 126, Marion, MA 02738. Every donation counts!

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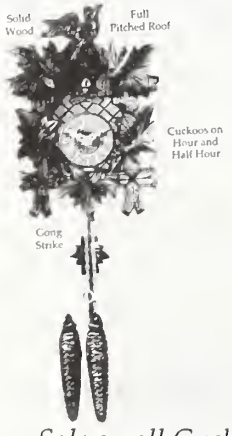

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is sponsoring an exciting trip to the special exhibit on "Egypt: Pharaohs of the Sun" at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on Thursday, January 27, 2000. This is an important international exhibit of Egyptian Arts and Culture. The cost is $25 which includes admission to the exhibit as well as transportation. The public is invited to join the members. Reservations should be made by January 1, 2000 — please contact Sheila at 758-3700.

Marion Commemorative Stamp

The Marion Post Office and the Marion Business Community Association, Inc. will be sponsoring their fifth annual Christmas Stroll on Sunday, December 12 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in downtown Marion. The stroll is the association's way of saying "thank you" to the people of Marion who have supported their businesses throughout the year.

On behalf of the Postal Service, an enlargement of the holiday commemorative stamp will be presented to the Marion Business Community Association to acknowledge the wonderful memories of Christmas, holidays and family that their efforts have brought to the children and the community of Marion. The holiday commemorative stamp depicts a fleet-footed deer as it prances across a colorful background of red, green, purple or blue. The deer stamps will adorn many holiday greeting cards this year as a token of friendship, cheer and goodwill.

There will be many activities during the Christmas Stroll including the Clydesdales, jugglers, strolling elves, appearances by Frosty and Rudolph along with refreshments and treats for the whole family. Santa

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For more information, please contact Diane R. Despres, Postmaster at the Marion Post Office, at 748-0520.

Mattapoisett Holiday Shoppes

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be hosting their first annual Mattapoisett Holiday Shoppes.
The Holiday Shoppes will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett on Saturday, December 18 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Take this opportunity to do your last-minute holiday shopping among a select group of artisans and craftsmen from Harbor Days and other award-winning shows. Merchandise available will be quality, handmade items of a unique and special nature. Shoppers are sure to find that special holiday gift for every friend and loved one.

Food and beverages will be served including hot chowder, stuffed quahogs and hot dogs. The Lions Club will be mixing up their special holiday egg nog, guaranteed to bring in the Christmas cheer. A raffle featuring the works of all participants will be held and all proceeds from the event will benefit the Massachusetts Lions Club Eye Research and local Lions Charities. For more information please contact Michael McCarthy at 758-9596.

Holiday Band Concert

The Tri-County Symphonic Band featuring soloist classical guitarist Justin Patch, will present its traditional holiday concert on Sunday December 19 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth.

Mr. Patch is a graduate of New Bedford High School and has a bachelor of music degree from the University of Minnesota. He is now pursuing studies for an advanced degree in classical guitar at the University of Hartford. He will be performing two movements from Vila Lobos' "Suite Populaire." Music director George Dietzler has chosen a varied program that is sure to set the right mood for the holiday season with something for every member of the family. There will be a Christmas sing-along, a traditional Hanukkah "Nes Gadol Haya Sham," Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," and Praetorius' "Laudate Dominum" as arranged by Mr. Dietzler for a brass ensemble plus much more.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students. Children under five are admitted FREE. Tickets are available at The Bookstall in Marion, Top Music in Fairhaven, Shawmut Diner in New Bedford, Symphony

Music Shop in Dartmouth, and Friends Music Shoppe in Westport. Tickets will also be available at the door. This concert is made possible in part by grants from local cultural councils in Wareham, Marion, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Acushnet, New Bedford and Dartmouth and by the support of our patrons and local businesses. Keep the tradition alive — start your holidays with a family party at the concert.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

No Bingo

There will be no Bingo on Wednesday, December 15.

Friends Party

The Friends of the Elderly Party will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 12:00 noon. You will need a ticket for admission and they are now available at the senior center.

SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor will be at the Mattapoisett Senior Center every Monday from 10:00 to 12:00. He will help with all health care issues. You do not need an appointment.

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Financial aid is a critical issue for all students contemplating post-secondary education. Students may qualify for aid for further education at a trade/technical school, community college, junior college or four-year college or university. All families are encouraged to apply for financial aid.

It is almost impossible to predict how this process may affect the students and the decisions which need to be made in the next few months. The financial aid process has changed and may be handled differently from one college to another. Filling out the forms correctly can eliminate delays which might jeopardize aid packages. The financial aid forms will be available at this meeting and will then be available in the Guidance Office during school hours. Each family, however, will be issued only one copy of the forms due to supply limitation.

The Guidance Department and Administrators urge seniors and their parents to set aside the evening of Wednesday, December 15. Information on local scholarships will also be available at this time. All ORR counselors will be in attendance and coffee will be served.

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Mattapoisett Historical Museum

On Sunday afternoon, December 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House located at 5 Church Street will open to celebrate the holiday season. Come and join them for songs, stories, poems, carols, and "goodies" in this wonderful old 1821 Meeting House. It will be decorated for the season and the holiday punch bowl will be filled and ready to wish everyone "Happy Holidays."

ORR Honor Roll

The Principal of Old Rochester Regional High School is pleased to announce the Honor Roll for the first marking term of the 1999-2000 academic year. The academic honors lists are based on Term 1 grades. Highest honors include students having no grade lower than an A-. High honors include students with no grade lower than a B+. Honors include students having no grade lower than a B-.

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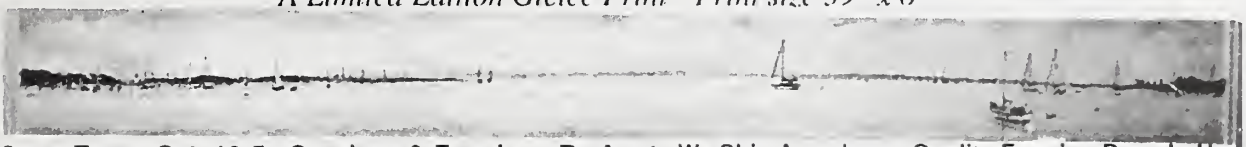

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Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will hold its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 18 in Reynard Hall. The evening will begin with punch and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner catered by Riccardi's at 7:00 pm. Guests are welcome. The Absolute Harmony Singing Group will also put on a Christmas a capella program.

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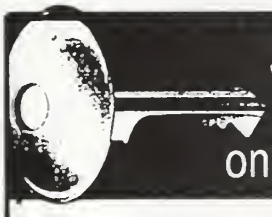

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Rochester Council on Aging

Following is a schedule of events sponsored by the Rochester Council on Aging for the month of December:

- Sunday, December 12 - Lions Breakfast at the Grange Hall, 8:00 to 11:00 am. Santa will be there and a special breakfast will be served for all;
- Monday, December 13 - Bagging at Canton, van leaves Town Hall at 8:00 am;
- Tuesday, December 14 - Senior Club will hold their meeting at 1:00 pm at the Rochester Woman's Club. Please bring a wrapped gift and also paper or canned goodies;
- Wednesday, December 15 - AARP Christmas Lunch at Ginny Decker Home at 1:00 pm. Please call Ginny as there will be a limited number of seats available (763-5591).
- Wednesday, December 15 - Council on Aging will hold their meeting at 9:00 am in the Rochester Town Hall;
- Saturday, December 18 - SERVE (SHARE) Pick-up from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon (763-8723);
- Monday, December 20 - Swansea Mall and lunch at Venus De Milo. Van leaves Town Hall at 9:00 am, please

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• Tuesday, December 21 - Christmas Party at lunch site. Reservations are a must, please call the office as there will be a limited number of seats of available (763-8723);
• Monday, December 27 - Ann & Hope shopping and lunch at Peking Gardens, van leaves at 9:30 am.

Diplomas for Veterans

The Office of Veterans Services in Mattapoisett is asking for assistance in implementing a project called "Operation Recognition." This project is a wonderful "thank you" to many local veterans who did not receive their high school diploma. These individuals were freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors who left high school during the 1940's before graduating in order to fight for our country in World War II. Any veterans who lived in Mattapoisett and served during World War II from 1941 to 1945 and did not receive their diploma and would like information on how to obtain one should contact Harvey Blanchette, the Veterans Service Director, or Paula Butterfield at 758-4141, Tuesday through

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School Committee Meetings

Following is a schedule of School Committee Meetings for the month of December:

- Monday, December 13 at 7:30 pm - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;
- Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30 pm - ORR District School Committee in the ORR High School Library;
- Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 pm - Marion School Committee in the Sippican School Library;
- Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 pm - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas Luncheon for the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, December 9 at 11:30 am at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, Reynard Hall. Hostesses for this festive event are Madeline Grader, Blanche Perry, and Barbara Easterday. They have chosen a delightful menu and have arranged to have the luncheon catered by Harriet's of Marion. The Garden Club will make holiday centerpieces to adorn the tables.

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Model Train Show at ORR

The 13th Annual Model Train Show will be held on Sunday, December 12 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Sponsored by Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31, admission is $2.50 for adults, $1.50 for children (6-12) and seniors (60+), with a family maximum of $6. Children under 6 are admitted FREE with an adult.

This is Troop 31's annual fund-raiser. The funds raised are used for operating expenses and their monthly campouts or field trips. The show is made up of model railroad dealers, selling model trains, building kits, scenery materials, books, videos, and accessories in all scales — N, HO, O and G. Operating layouts will be on hand, and food and drink will be available. The facility is handicap-accessible. For more information, please contact Dan Charron, 315 New Bedford Road, Rochester, MA 02770, (508) 763-5948, e-mail: dcharron@mediaone.net.

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Holiday Crafts

A Holiday Craft Program for Kids will be held at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester on Tuesday, December 14 at 10:00 am for ages 3 to 6. Registration is required and can be made by calling 763-8600.

Food Discussion in Fairhaven

If you're searching for just the right recipe for your holiday entertaining, join Joanna M. Weeks, Food Editor of *The Standard-Times*, as she reviews cookbooks and recipes at the December meeting of the Millicent Library Book Discussion Group. The program, which is open to the public, will be held on December 9 at 10:00 am in the library auditorium. Refreshments will be served. Please use the Walnut Street entrance, which is handicapped-accessible.

Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary

The Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary has been in existence for over 20 years. The organization was originally founded by the wives and family members of the firefighters to assist in lengthy fires by providing water, coffee and food when necessary. Eventually fund-raising was started as a way to provide a yearly scholarship to the children, wives or very often the firefighters themselves. The Auxiliary has now become involved, over the last ten years, in community projects to help those in need. This years' fund-raising project is "Mattapoisett T-shirts." These T-shirts are available for $10 for adults sizes and $9 for children's sizes. You can

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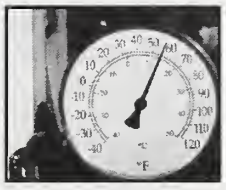
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There is jewelry by Jane Walsh, Susan Pacitto and Eileen Claffey. Elizabeth Howland's hand-pointed silk and velvet scarves and other wearable art is also included. Doll clothes, furniture and accessories, both formal and casual by Shirley Brady, will delight collectors of all ages. Dave Bill contributes wind chimes and pet toys. Sailor valentine's by Jane Chase are a unique and historical art. Paintings, prints, and cards by Karen North Wells, Lee Gorman Smith, Scott Kennedy, and other local artists are also included. Rounding out the show are wreaths and other botanicals by Irina Weatherley, who also created the installation.

The Marion Art Center is one of Southeastern Massachusetts' finest art galleries and performing art centers. Gallery hours are Sunday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The gallery is closed Monday.

Annual House Tour

On Saturday, December 11, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, the Marion Art Center will be a participant in the Annual House Tour sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club. Custom portrait silhouettes will be available for sale by Carol Lebeaux. A great gift idea, the silhouettes are only $18 mounted on ivory museum board. Call 748-1266 to reserve a time — scheduled appointments are recommended. Come to Marion and enjoy the marvelous holiday season in the true New England spirit and take home a piece of New England for the Holidays!

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ORR Superintendent Hours

ORR Superintendent Elizabeth A. Quinn has announced the resumption of evening office hours, which will begin later this year due to a busy fall schedule of Building Committee meetings. This year, Ms. Quinn will be available for appointments or drop-in visits at her office according to the following schedule. If you would like to schedule an appointment during these hours or at any other time, please call Danielle Brightman at 758-2772, extension 13:

Tuesday, December 14; Wednesday, January 19, 2000; Monday, January 31, 2000; Thursday, February 10, 2000; Thursday, March 2, 2000; Monday, March 20, 2000; Thursday, April 6, 2000; Tuesday, April 25, 2000; Wednesday, May 10, 2000; Wednesday, May 24, 2000.

Hours will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Superintendent's Office at Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett.

Children's Candy Cane Fair

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be hosting its Third Annual Children's Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, December 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church Hall in Mattapoisett. Admission is FREE. Santa is expected to arrive from the North Pole with gifts at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy winning prizes at the numerous games and amusements supervised by Lions Club members. Also, refreshments will be served to the children.

Based on the success of previous candy cane fairs, children, as well as their parents, are expected to come

and have a good time in celebrating the holiday season.

Please bring a *wrapped* gift, marked "boy, girl or either" with the appropriate age of the child. These gifts will be collected at the door. The Lions Club will distribute these gifts to the needy children of Mattapoisett in time for Christmas. Calling all children: come one, come all.

Box Tops for Mattapoisett

This year the Mattapoisett Elementary Schools are trying to raise money to purchase new software and books for the schools through a fund-raising program called General Mills Box Tops for Education. It's fun and easy: all you need to do is collect the box tops from participating General Mills cereals, snacks, and Yoplait yogurt multi-packs. Simply clip the box top logos and send them to school with your children. That's all there is to it! The more the schools collect, the more money they earn. The school gets 15 cents for each pink cereal box top and 10 cents for each green snacks and Yoplait box top. Collection boxes are located at the Mattapoisett Post Office, Mattapoisett Public Library, and Village Shoppe. Thanks for your support!

Project GROW Opening

If you are a Marion resident, have a child who was three years old by September 1, and your child is not currently enrolled in a preschool or child care program, you may be interested in an opening in the Sippican School preschool classroom. Project GROW is an integrated preschool program offering children with and without special needs a high quality, developmentally-appropriate preschool experience. Families are considered a part of the educational team and family involvement is an expectation of the program. The class meets Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and follows the public school calendar. The program is tuition-free. If you are interested in more information or an application, please contact the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863.

Mattapoisett's Friends of the Elderly

Dinner for Two

The Friends of the Elderly are selling the Dinner for Two Dine-Out books as part of their annual fund-raiser. These books contain coupons for many area residents and are priced at $29.95. Each coupon is worth a FREE dinner. That is, "Buy one dinner and get one dinner free." This is a good opportunity to save money when eating out and at the same time help an organization that devotes itself to making life more pleasant for Mattapoisett seniors. There is a list of participating restaurants at the Senior Center where you can also purchase the books. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

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The goal of the Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett is to help provide a better way of life for Mattapoisett seniors. The group runs senior events and conducts fund-raisers to support them. They have provided the Mattapoisett Senior Center with many needed items and are now looking to expand their membership. Anyone over eighteen is eligible to join. Dues are minimal — only $2 per person per year. Also, if you are a member of the "Friends" and insure with Peter Briggs Insurance, you are eligible for savings on your car and homeowner's insurance.

ORR "Leaf Relief"

Students from Old Rochester Regional High School planning to travel to Peru in late June are earning money to finance their trip. They are available to rake leaves and clean yards for only $10 per hour this fall. If you are interested in helping the students make Peru a possibility and in keeping your yard leaf-free, please contact any of the tour leaders (Rich Ellis, Jean Hong, Merri Wickman) at Old Rochester Regional High School (758-3745) to arrange a time convenient for you.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Mattapoisett Web Site

Visit the town's web site at www.mattapoisett.net. Visit "Stats/Demo" for a variety of information about Mattapoisett. They are working daily on additional information. Comments are always welcome.

Vacancies

• GIS Committee - The Mattapoisett GIS Committee needs volunteers with GIS or ARC VIEW experience. They are ready to go forward with the process to digitize the town, write an RFP, seek funding, and the like. Please respond to the Selectmen's Office, P.O. Box 435, Mattapoisett.

• Marine Advisory Board - There is a vacancy on the Marine Advisory Board. If you are interested, please send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

• Board of Appeals - Two (2) alternates are needed for the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals. If you are interested, please write to the Board of Appeals, Attn: Maria L. Cananzey, P.O. Box 705, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Mooring Permit Holders

If you received a pink "Mooring Inspection Certificate" to be completed and filed with the Town Clerk (Moorings with the preface A, B, C, D, E, F, or G), please send them in ASAP.

Barn Inspections in Rochester

Rochester Animal Inspector/Animal Control Officer Robin Prezner has advised that Barn Inspections will take place in Rochester for the next three months. For more information or to schedule an inspection, please contact her at 763-5326.

Mattapoisett Transfer Station

The Mattapoisett Transfer Station is now following winter hours. Hours of operation will be Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health at 758-4112.

Marion Social Club Cookbook

The Marion Social Club Cookbook is a collection of recipes from members and friends, providing local flavor, history, kitchen hints and information. Place it on your shopping list — it's a perfect gift for yourself, for a shower, friend or relative that has moved away or the cookbook collector. Think holidays and shop early! Reasonably priced at only $8 per copy, the cookbook is available at: The Bookstall, 151 Front Street in Marion; Bev Loves Books in the Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester; Castle Books, 193 Main Street, downtown Wareham ... or you may call 748-0373 to place an order or more information.

YGRR Calendars Available

Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue (YGRR) 2000 calendars are available for sale throughout the area. Established in 1985, YGRR is a voluntary, non-profit organization which is dedicated to providing veterinary care, comprehensive evaluation and adoptive homes to

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In addition to services for hundreds of young, healthy Golden Retrievers, YGRR is particularly proud of its programs of care for senior Goldens or dogs with special medical needs. Since its founding, YGRR has provided rescue services to thousands of Golden Retrievers. Hundreds of others have been assisted by YGRR counseling and referrals to veterinary specialists, obedience trainers and animal behaviorists. The hotline number is 978-568-9700 and the internet address is http://www.tiac.net/users/laytin/yankee/ with its headquarters located at Riverview in Hudson, MA.

The new 2000 Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue calendar is now available for sale at: Preppy Puppy in Buzzards Bay; Fairlane Golden Retrievers, Pet Haven, and New England Animal Hospital in Fairhaven; The Sitting Duck in Marion; Blossoms, Denise's Pet Care, Mahoney's, and Plymouth County Dog Training Club (Paul Wood) in Mattapoisett; or by calling Betsy Ann Wood at 758-6066. This year's calendar features Zu and Lu for the month of August, owned by Jean and Peter West of Mattapoisett. In the past, the calendar has also featured another Mattapoisett Golden: Miss Star-Belle.

Rochester Journal Submissions

Do you have stories to tell about growing up in Rochester or about an interesting Rochester person, place or thing? Do you have artwork or photographs you'd like to share? Do you have a poem you've written, or a memory that needs to be written down?

Many residents have purchased copies of the *Rochester Journal: Diary of a Hometown*, and read the unique stories and memories that a number of people shared with them. The Friends of the Plumb Library are in the process of putting together volume two of the *Rochester Journal*. They are hoping to publish this volume in the spring, to coincide with the town's millennium celebration.

Please send your submissions as soon as you can. They will accept any type of material from adults, children, and young adults. They would particularly like to include more artwork and photographs, either of present-day Rochester or Rochester of yesteryear.

If you have stories to share but don't know where to begin, please contact Lucy Loomis at the Plumb Library at 763-8600 and she can work with you to get them down on paper. Each citizen's unique viewpoint is what makes the town so interesting and vital.

The deadline for submissions is December 31, 1999 ... but don't wait! Get your submissions in as soon as possible so they can begin working on this next volume of hometown memories.

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Rochester Council on Aging

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SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor is available at the Rochester COA everyday, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

SERVE/SHARE

SERVE (SHARE) pick-up day is the fourth Saturday of the month at the Rochester Woman's Club at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

AARP

AARP meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall and all are welcome.

Trips

The Rochester COA trips are held on Monday and the van leaves Town Hall at 9:00 am. The COA tries to do special events for seniors, and take them to places that are

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Shopping trips are on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Please call 763-8723 to make reservations for the van to pick you up.

Doctor's Appointments

The Rochester COA van will take seniors to doctor's appointments — just call 763-8723 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

Marion Council on Aging

Student Nurses

On December 9 at 9:00 am, Student Nurses from UMass Dartmouth will be presenting a seminar on "Healty Eating" at the Senior Center in Wareham. This will complete the nurses' community service for this semester.

SHINE

The SHINE Counselor is available, by appointment, to answer your questions concerning health benefits. There is no charge for this service.

Office Hours

The Marion COA office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

File of Life

The File of Life refrigerator magnets have arrived! These magnets contain life-saving information and can be picked up at the COA.

Art Therapy

Another series of Art Therapy workshops will be offered beginning January 12 and will run for six weeks. There are only two openings, so please call soon to reserve your place.

Shopping

The Senior Van travels to the IGA in Wareham on Tuesday and to Shaw's on Friday.

Town Nurse

Town Nurse Martha Griffiths, RN, BSN, is available on Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Town Hall for Blood Pressure Screening and Health Counseling on a walk-in basis.

Soup Labels

Campbell's Soup labels are still being collected at the Senior Drop-In Center to help support Sippican School.

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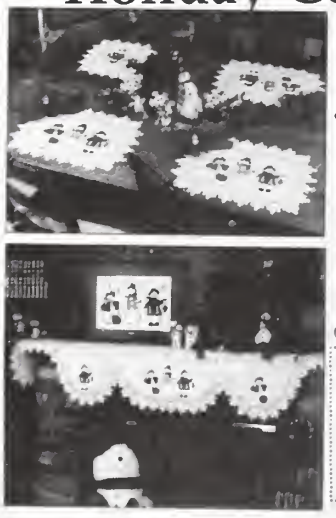
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Crafters Wanted in Fairhaven

Be part of the Victorian Holiday experience this year as the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven will be sponsoring an area for outside crafters to show their wares on Saturday, December 11. Cost for a table is $30. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 993-3368, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Taizé Prayer in Marion

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion, which brought the meditative worship of France's Taizé monastic community to the SouthCoast last year, has announced a new series of Taizé Prayer events for the 1999-2000 season. The half-hour services will be offered on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 pm.

Borrowing from a modern spiritual community in France, Taizé worship incorporates chant, silence, and beauty. It provides a refuge for those seeking faith, those wanting a grounding to see them through the stresses of life, and those who find themselves unmoved by formal religiosity. There are no sermons, announcements, or discussions — simply an environment inviting you to encounter God and yourself.

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Taizé is a community of Christians from all denominations who seek global reconciliation. Formed in 1940 by a Protestant pastor named Brother Roger, the tiny French village of Taizé has evolved into a major pilgrimage site for young people and produced meditative music which is used the world over. Taizé worship is now offered monthly at Grace Church in New Bedford.

After the services at St. Gabriel's, participants will also have the opportunity to walk the Labyrinth, another form of meditative prayer. The Labyrinth, a winding path copied from a medieval pattern found the floor of Charles Cathedral, is open Monday evenings through Tuesday mornings in the St. Gabriel's Parish Hall. Persons of all faiths or none find taking this ancient symbolic journey to the center a unique way to meditate with their bodies.

Held in the chapel at the intersection of South and Front Streets in Marion, the Taizé Prayer events will run through May.

Septic Loan Program

The Mattapoisett Board of Health would like to inform residents of the Homeowner Septic Loan Program which is designed to assist homeowners and condominium associations, repair or replace septic systems which fail to meet the Commonwealth's Title V

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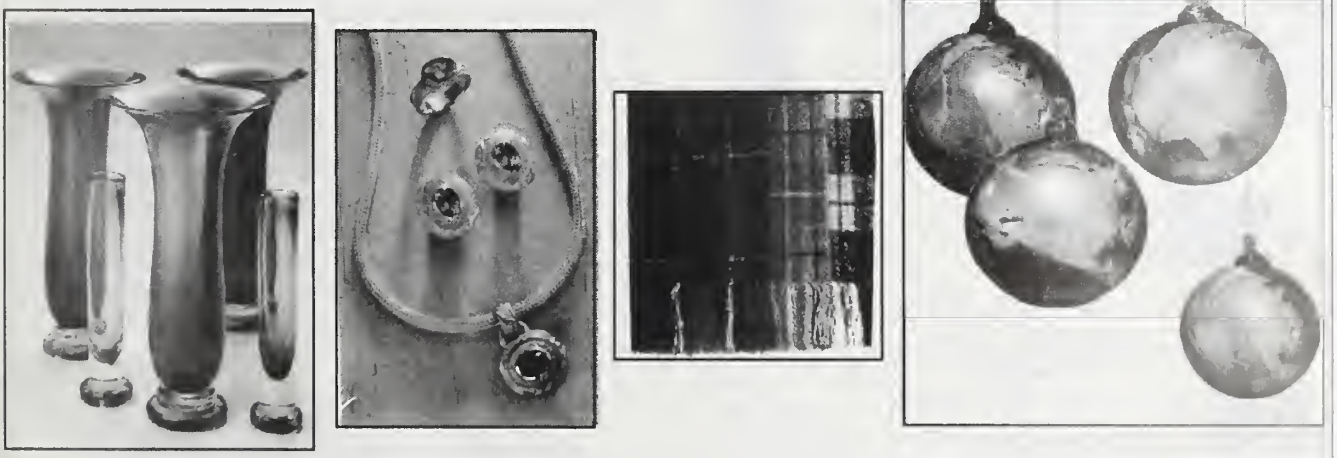

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requirements. The program can also be used to hook up to public sewer when existing septic systems do not meet Title V requirements. This program is a combined effort of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), and the Mattapoisett Board of Health.

These loans are available to homeowners at interest rates of 0 percent, 3 percent, and 5 percent, depending on income, for loans ranging in size from a minimum of $1,000 to a maximum of $25,000. Qualified homeowners across the Commonwealth can access this low-interest rate loan program. Homeowners can stop by the Board of Health office to pick up the information, or it can be mailed to them by calling 758-4112. Please ask for Millie Mello or Dale Barrows.

Home Rehabilitation Loans

Low-interest home rehabilitation loans of up to $25,000 are now available to home owners in Bourne (Buzzards Bay), Marion and Rochester who meet the income criteria in a new state-sponsored pilot program offered through the Wareham Community Development Authority and Department.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for local home owners to fix up their homes before winters," said Gus Yankopoulos, Director of Wareham's Community Development Department. "The interest rates are only five percent, and home owners may choose from several repayment schedules."

According to Mr. Yankopoulos, home owners may use their loans to pay for a wide range of improvements, such as upgrades to plumbing, heating and wiring, carpentry, lead paint removal, installation of insulation and storm windows, and caulking. Community Development staff members will assist home owners in applying for the loan, choosing and paying a contractor of choice, and finding additional home-related programs for which they may qualify.

The Department is administering the year-long initiative, one of two pilot programs in the state funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. For more information, please call the Wareham Community Development Department at 295-9344 and ask for "housing assistance."

Sippican Senior Travelers

Following are upcoming trips sponsored by the Sippican Senior Travelers. For more information or to make reservations for any of these trips, please call 748-1467:

• December 31, 1999 - New Year's Party at the Marriott in Westboro, MA. Welcome 2000 with a boneless chicken dinner, hats, noise makers, glass of champagne, and music by "After Six" to dance to. Cost is $43 per person.

• January 23, 24 and 25, 2000 - Atlantic City, Claridge Hotel and Casino. Includes three days' luxury accommodations, $30 cash bonus, plus $10 deferred and luxury motorcoach. Cost is $109 double occupancy, $105 triple occupancy, or $139 single.

• May 1-5, 2000 - Wildwood, NJ at Aqua Beach Motel. Includes two dinners and breakfasts, two trips to Atlantic City with bonus, Dixieland Cruise, visit to Cape May. Cost is $240 double occupancy per person, $230 triple, or $310 single.

• Foxwoods Trip - December 16. Bus departs from Marion VFW at 7:30 am. Trips include $10 food, $10 match play, and $10 Keno (subject to change). Cost is $14 per person.

Mattapoisett PTA

The Innisbrook wrapping paper fund-raiser is coming once again, sponsored by the Mattapoisett Parents-Teachers Association (PTA). If your children are no longer in the Center and Old Hammondtown school system and you would like to see a catalog and place an order, please call Laura Lanagan at 758-9752 or 979-3157. You can also visit http://www.innisbrook.com (school number 102397).

Child Care Financial Aid

If it seems like most of the money that you earn as

a working parent is going right back out again to pay for preschool or child care, Community Partnerships for Children may be able to offer some help. Through a grant program from the Massachusetts Department of Education, working families are offered subsidies based on a sliding scale. The Early Childhood Office for the Old Rochester Regional School District manages this program for residents of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester who earn a state median income or less ($54,000 for a family of four).

Several local preschools, child care centers, and family child care providers are a part of Old Rochester's partnership. Families may also choose a child care provider outside the tri-town area if it meets the criteria established by the Community Partnerships grant. Funds are currently available and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please call the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863.

Mattapoisett T-Shirts

The Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary has Limited Edition Mattapoisett T-Shirts available. The shirts can be purchased at either the Tin Rabbit, Center Street in Fairhaven, or Mike and Wayne's, Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven. They are also available at the Seaport Village Ice Cream Shoppe on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. T-Shirts can also be purchased from any auxiliary member or by calling Janet at 758-2355. There are all sizes available for adults for $10 and children's sizes for $9.

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Movie Review

Bond & Gagged

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■ *The World Is Not Enough*. Starring Pierce Brosnan, Denise Richards, and Robert Carlyle. Directed by Michael Apted. Running time: 128 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

Every time a James Bond installment arrives, I'm left with the same question: Does 007 still matter? He matters a great deal to MGM, I'm sure, as long as he continues to make money for them; but really, I'm afraid the only meaning left in the franchise is the guarantee, every two years, of an action blow-out with a veneer of class. With Pierce Brosnan — a likable enough actor without too much personality to get in the way of the dumb thrills — firmly ensconced in the lead, the Bond movies are as big as ever, but also as redundant: Every damn time, some powerful nut will threaten world security; every damn time, Bond will put a stop to it.

The World Is Not Enough, the nineteenth episode in this interminable series, is easily the most boring of the three Brosnan adventures so far. (*The Thomas Crown Affair* with Brosnan, and even *Entrapment* with the definitive Bond, Sean Connery, were sleeker and more entertaining 007-style films than this.) As handled by Michael Apted, the latest gifted director to go where the cash is, the movie is a textbook example of craftsmanship without excitement. There's no *outlandishness* here; what little there is comes early, when Bond gets into a roaring boat chase, in a tiny speedboat that skips along the rough waves like a black triangular rock. That little boat hops across the water almost cheerfully, as if it were happy to get out for a ride; the boat gives the most charming performance in the movie. Once we come down from the giddiness of this scene, though, we're never raised back up again.

Once again, we have one of those solemnly incomprehensible plots — this one has to do with an oil heiress (Sophie Marceau) imperilled by a nasty terrorist named Renard (Robert Carlyle) who's after a nuclear warhead. The Bond films are always meaninglessly complicated; I lack the mystery-espionage-buff mindset necessary to understand them, so I've given up trying. Also along for the ride is the usual Bond beauty with an improbable name: Dr. Christmas Jones (Denise

Richards), a nuclear scientist (you are forgiven for snickering) with the usual bodacious curves and the usual lack of personality.

The Bond girls have always been mere eye candy, never interesting human beings on a level with Bond; even Michelle Yeoh, an exciting presence in Hong Kong movies, was thrown away in *Tomorrow Never Dies*. No one could say that Denise Richards, with her eager cheerleader grin, and Sophie Marceau, with her hooded eyes and soft smile, are not good eye candy; however, they're playing two of the most boring Bond girls ever, with performances to match. Whenever the movie cuts to Dame Judi Dench as M, Bond's iron-willed boss, we glimpse what a genuinely powerful woman — a genuine woman, period — looks like.

The World Is Not Enough also shares the weakness of the other two Brosnan Bonds: a tedious villain. Robert Carlyle has been great elsewhere (*Trainspotting*, *The Full Monty*, *Ravenous*), but as Renard, a scrawny villain with a bullet in his head that makes him impervious to pain, he just seems like a soccer hooligan who somehow commands a lot of armed men. The producers of these movies seem to have lost sight of what makes a good Bond villain: an actor having a grand time being diabolical. Carlyle just appears sickly, and vaguely angry at the world. (Perhaps Mike Myers' Dr. Evil is a hard act to follow.) A better villain might have been John Cleese, who's been cast here as R, the gadget guy replacing the retiring Q (Desmond Llewellyn). This movie tosses Cleese away in one quick scene, but I'm sure the producers will bring him back; they'd better, because his presence (and Judi Dench's) is about all that'll keep the 007 films interesting. As always, the movie ends with the promise, "James Bond Will Return." I'd have been happier to read "John Cleese Will Return."

■ CINEMA 140
376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Lines: 999-6577, 999-4233

Friday (Dec. 10) through Thursday (Dec. 16)
Miracle on 34th Street (PG) – Sat: 10:00; Sat/Sun: 12:45 *($2 admission for this show only)*
The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc (R) – Fri: 6:30; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 7:00; Mon-Thu: 6:30
House on Haunted Hill (R) – Fri-Sun: 3:00, 5:00, 9:45; Mon-Thu: 9:15
American Beauty (R) – Fri. 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40, Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:00
The Best Man (R) – Fri-Sun: 2:45, 7:15; Mon-Thu: 6:45
Light It Up (R) – Fri-Sun: 6:00, 9:45; Mon-Thu: 9:15
Double Jeopardy (R) – *$3 admission, all shows!* Fri: 2:40, 4:40, 7:15, 9:20; Sat/Sun: 12:30, 2:40, 4:40, 7:15, 9:20; Mon-Thu: 7:15, 9:20
Superstar (PG-13) – *$3 admission, all shows!* Fri: 2:15, 4:15, 6:30, 8:15, Sat/Sun: 12:30, 2:15, 4:15, 6:30, 8:15; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 8:15
Flawless* (R) – Fri: 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:15
**No discount coupons accepted for these shows.*

■ FLAGSHIP CINEMA 12
500 Kings Highway, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Hotline: 985-3000

Friday (Dec. 10) through Thursday (Dec. 16)
The Green Mile (R) – 12:20, 4:00, 7:35
Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (R) – 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:25, 9:40
Toy Story 2 (G) – 12:25, 1:05, 2:40, 3:15, 4:50, 5:30, 7:10, 7:30, 9:30, 9:50
End of Days (R) – 12:50, 3:25, 6:55, 9:30
Sleepy Hollow (R) – 12:40, 3:10, 6:55, 9:15
The World is Not Enough (PG-13) – 12:30, 3:15, 6:50, 9:25
Being John Malkovich (R) – 12:40, 3:20, 7:15, 9:35
Pokémon (G) – 12:15, 2:30, 4:30
Dogma (R) – 12:55, 3:30, 7:10, 9:45
Anywhere But Here (PG-13) – 12:35, 3:20, 7:05, 9:50
The Insider (R) – 7:45
The Bone Collector (R) – 12:45, 3:30, 7:00, 9:35

■ GENERAL CINEMA 12
Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
Movie Line: 999-3141

Friday (Dec. 10) through Thursday (Dec. 16)
Dogma (R) – 6:20, 9:00
The Bone Collector (R) – 1:10, 3:50, 6:50, 9:20
Anywhere But Here (PG-13) – Fri: 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20; Sat: 1:40, 4:10; Sun-Thu: 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
Toy Story 2 (G) – 12:50, 1:30, 3:00, 4:00, 5:10, 6:20, 7:20, 8:40, 9:30
Pokémon (G) – 1:40, 4:10
World is Not Enough (PG-13) – 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10
Sleepy Hollow (R) – 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
End of Days (R) – 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
The Green Mile (R) – 12:50, 4:30, 8:20
Deuce Bigalow (R) – 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00
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Rochester Cultural Council

The Rochester Cultural Council is conducting a survey to help better serve the cultural needs of our community. The RCC grants funds to individuals, groups, or organizations that promote the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences for the benefit of our community. The survey can be found at the following locations: Adrian's, Lloyd's, Rochester Town Hall, and the Plumb Memorial Library. The Rochester Cultural Council is a local agency funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Monday, December 13 – Hemburger on a bun, bologne sandwich, mashed potetoes, peas, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, December 14 – Baked chicken, ham sandwich, cooked white rice, corn, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 15 – Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, fruit and milk.
Thursday, December 16 – Hot dog on a roll, hem sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fruit end milk.
Friday, December 17 – French bread pizza, tune salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fruit, milk.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION
Monday, December 13 – Vegetable soup, hot dog, hot dog roll, beans, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, December 14 – Pork chop suey, white rice, potato bread, pineapple and milk.
Wednesday, December 15 – Chicken breast with supreme sauce, green beans almondine, oven roasted potatoes, oatmeal roll, eclair and milk.
Thursday, December 16 – Lesagna, Italian blend vegetables, multi-grain roll, fruit in light syrup and milk.
Friday, December 17 – Beef strip steek with onion grevy, carrots, mashed potato, dark rye bread, butterscotch pudding and milk.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT
Monday, December 13 — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, soup, fruit, dessert and milk.
Tuesday, December 14 — Taco chalupe, lettuce, tomatoes, or chicken patty, nachos, fruit, dessert and milk.
Wednesday, December 15 — Meatball sub or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert end milk.
Thursday, December 16 – Chicken fajita, soft taco, or tuna roll, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, nechos, fruit, dessert and milk.
Friday, December 17 — Cheese pizza or turkey roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert and milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
Monday, December 13 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, scrambled eggs with cinnamon bun, mac rib sub, double potato puffs, chilled pears, strewberries with topping.
Tuesday, December 14 — Chicken chow mein, crispy noodles, chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, seesoned rice, green beans, chilled pineapple, oatmeal walnut cookie.
Wednesday, December 15 – Taco boat with all the fixings, shaved turkey club, hot ham and cheese, Spanish rice, baked beans, chilled pears, apple pie.
Thursday, December 16 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken breast patty club, tuna salad sub, bologna and lettuce sub, Fritos, carrot sticks, apple fruit roll-up.
Friday, December 17 – French meat pie with gravy, grilled cheese sandwich, Steak'Um and cheese sub, whipped potatoes, corn, chilled peaches, holiday cake.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, December 13 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, baked pork chop with gravy, hamburger/ cheeseburger, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, strewberries with topping.
Tuesday, December 14 — Baked lasagna, garlic bread, ham and cheese quiche with garlic bread, turkey salad pocket, potato wedges, green beans, chilled peaches, oatmeal walnut cookie.
Wednesday, December 15 – Meatball grinder with grated mozzarella, Italian sausage grinder with sauce and grated mozzarella, tuna salad grinder, oven fries, baked beans, chilled pears, apple pie.
Thursday, December 16 – American chop suey, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, grilled ham and cheese, grilled chicken club, potato wedges, carrots, chilled peaches, cherry jello with topping.
Friday, December 17 – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot dog on a roll, chicken salad roll, Spanish rice, chili, Mexicen salad, chilled pears, holiday cake.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN
Monday, December 13 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, scrambled eggs with cinnamon bun, mac rib sub, double potato puffs, chilled pears, strawberries with topping.
Tuesday, December 14 — Chicken chow mein, crispy noodles, chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, seasoned rice, green beans, chilled pineapple, oatmeal walnut cookie.
Wednesday, December 15 – Taco boat with all the fixings, sheved turkey club, hot ham and cheese, Spanish rice, baked beens, chilled pears, apple pie.
Thursday, December 16 – Italian meat loaf with sauce, greted mozzarella, chicken salad pocket, "hero" grinder, seasoned pasta noodles, carrots, mixed fruit, chocolate pudding with topping.
Friday, December 17 – French meat pie with gravy, grilled cheese sandwich, Steak'Um and cheese sub, whipped potatoes, corn, chilled peaches, holiday cake.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER
Monday, December 13 — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, soup, fruit, dessert and milk.
Tuesday, December 14 — Taco chalupa, lettuce, tomatoes, or chicken patty, nachos, fruit, dessert and milk.
Wednesday, December 15 — Meatball sub or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert and milk.
Thursday, December 16 – Chicken fajita, soft taco, or tuna roll, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, nachos, fruit, dessert and milk.
Friday, December 17 — Cheese pizza or turkey roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert and milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, December 13 – Chicken nuggets, French fries, carrots, BBQ sauce or cold sandwiches, chocolate chip cookie, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, December 14 – Chili dog, baked beans, potato chips or cold cut sandwiches, veggie sticks, apple cake, fruit and milk.
Wednesday, December 15 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, roll, cheese wedge, frosted cake, fruit and milk.
Thursday, December 16 – Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, jello, fruit and milk.
Friday, December 17 – Vegetable soup, pizza, potato chips, green beans, crackers, assorted desserts, fruit and milk.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT
Monday, December 13 — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, soup, fruit, dessert and milk.
Tuesday, December 14 — Teco chalupa, lettuce, tomatoes, or chicken patty, nachos, fruit, dessert and milk.
Wednesday, December 15 — Meatbell sub or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert and milk.
Thursday, December 16 – Chicken fajita, soft taco, or tuna roll, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, nachos, fruit, dessert and milk.
Friday, December 17 — Cheese pizza or turkey roll, soup, saled, fruit, dessert and milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
Monday, December 13 — Soup, meatball sub, linguiça and cheese pocket, or chicken fritters, fries, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.
Tuesday, December 14 – Soup, shepherd's pie, chicken patty, or bacon and cheese sendwich, applesauce, roll, dessert, juice or milk.
Wednesday, December 15 – Soup, lasagna with meat sauce, wings of fire or crispy chicken fillet, garlic bread, salad, pudding, juice or milk.
Thursday, December 16 — Soup, beef taco, ham and cheese croissant, or bacon cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.
Friday, December 17 – Beef ravioli, Italian cold cut sub, or chicken tenders, broccoli, garlic bread, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION
Monday, December 13 — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, soup, fruit, dessert and milk.
Tuesday, December 14 — Taco chalupa, lettuce, tomatoes, or chicken patty, nachos, fruit, dessert and milk.
Wednesday, December 15 — Meatball sub or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert and milk.
Thursday, December 16 – Chicken fajita, soft taco, or tuna roll, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, nachos, fruit, dessert and milk.
Friday, December 17 — Cheese pizza or turkey roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert and milk.

Marion Open Space Commission

The members of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission, encouraged by the public support they have received, encourage and welcome suggestions from the community. The commission meets at 7:00 pm every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Meeting times and dates are posted in the Marion Town House. Members of public are always welcome, or you may write to the Marion Open Space Commission c/o Marion Town House.

Rochester Board of Assessors

Until further notice, the Town of Rochester's Board of Assessors Office will be closed to the public every Wednesday due to their preparation for Fiscal Year 2000 tax certification.

Old Colony Regional Voke

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The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District is seeking community members to serve on its School Council. Community members must reside in the towns of Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, or Rochester. The School Council is a representative school building based community comprised of the principal, parents, teachers, community

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 28 through December 12, 1999:

• Wells Road – officer wanted
• Stoney Run Lane – animal complaint
• Rebecca Drive – vandalism/past
• South Street – suspicious activity
• Delano Road – vandalism/past
• Island Wharf Road – animal complaint
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Island Wharf Road – escort
• Cross Neck Road - missing person
• Wareham Road – adult arrest (warrant, larceny by check)
• Park Street – escort
• Hiller Street – animal complaint
• Mill Street – annoying phone calls
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Briggs Lane – lost property
• Moorings Road – officer wanted
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Spring Street – suspicious activity
• Wareham Road – missing person
• Mill Street – found property
• Washburn Park Road – gunshots reported
• Piney Point Road – animal complaint
• Front Street – found property
• Atlantis Drive – hunting violation
• Delano Road – suspicious activity
• County Road – family disturbance.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 28 through December 4, 1999:

• Goodspeed Island – shellfishing complaint
• County Road – suspicious activity
• County Road – minor motor vehicle accident
• Marion Road – vandalism to building
• Main Street – animal control matter
• North Street – suspicious activity
• Marion Road – vandalism to building
• Marion Road – past disturbance/ fight
• Brant Beach Avenue – missing person (adult)
• Marion Road – harassment
• County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Chapel Road – domestic abuse (past)
• Marion Road – past disturbance/ fight
• North Street – adult arrest (warrant)
• Reservation Road – liquor law violation
• Bay View Avenue – past vandalism
• Goodspeed Island – parking complaint
• North Street – vehicle blocking roadway.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 30 through December 5, 1999:

• Vaughan Hill Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Cushman Road – hunting complaint
• Bennett Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Neck Road – deer hit by car
• Sarah Sherman Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Cushman Road – domestic disturbance
• Old Colony Regional Voke – officer wanted
• Alley Road – animal complaint
• Route 28 – theft from building
• Marion Road – officer wanted
• Marion Road – adult arrests: 2 (domestic disturbance)
• Mendall Road – suspicious person
• Robinson Road – suspicious activity
• County Road – hunting complaint
• Walnut Plain Road – suspicious activity
• County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• County Road – suspicious activity
• Tilson Road – officer wanted
• Robinson Road – deer hit by car
• North Avenue – highway matter
• New Bedford Road – vandalism.

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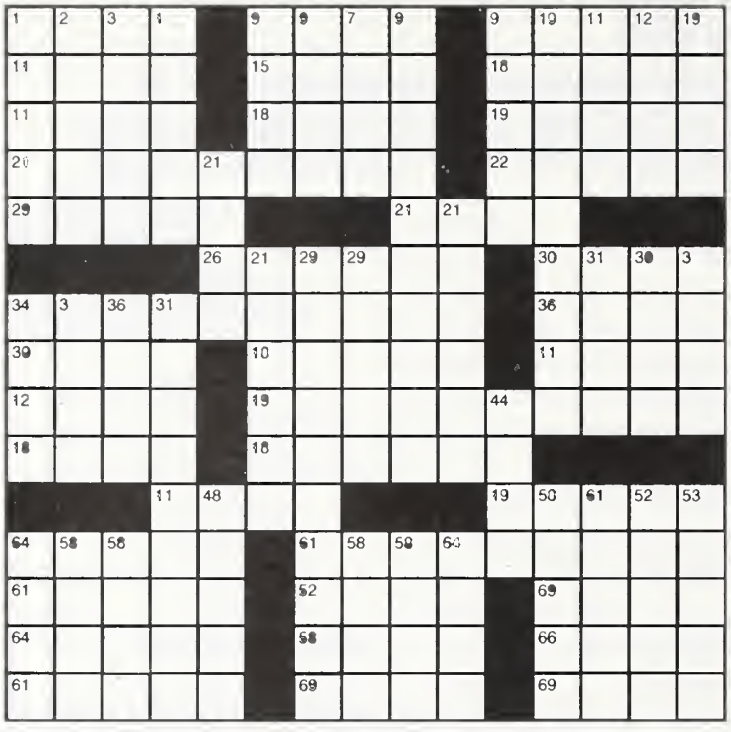

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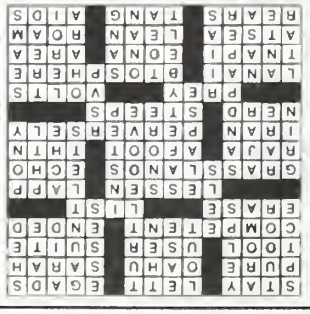

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Travel looks awesome. If you can travel in connection with work, you should make a tidy profit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Treasures are to be found. Dig for them when far horizons beckon. Let an older person take the lead.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You know that person who you always argue with? Don't even try it. More practical matters take precedence.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You could work a few pounds off without much additional effort. You'll be kept racing later. A partner finally gives some assistance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Wonderful surprises are scheduled. You'll have too much of a good thing. Just do whatever your partner wants, and you'll be fine.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take care of business. Take it easy to avoid accidents and spills. Schedule your romantic interludes and your most important work for this weekend.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You could make amazing discoveries. Keep digging, and the truth will be revealed. You may have to abandon the quest, however. Domestic difficulties demand your attention.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Money's your theme, passion and obsession. You might find quite a lot of it, too. Practice new skills, and then put them to good use at home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're looking good. Your self-esteem has grown, and with good reason. The check should arrive soon. Don't spend it all in one place.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A startling revelation may change your priorities. Keep most of what you learn to yourself. A new tool could help you make more money.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A friend could toss you a curve. You'll be startled, amazed, and may even decide to change your course.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Go along with what the boss wants. It may seem strange, but it'll make sense later. Your friends bail you out of a jam.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at 7:30pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a revised subdivision plan of land prepared for Laurent N. & Theresa A. Gregoire. The property is located on Cushman Road, Assessor's Map 33, Lot 9.

A copy of said plan is on file at the Rochester Town Hall and may be reviewed during the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday - Friday.

Robert Cummings, Chairman 12/02, 12/09

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, Dec. 13, 1999 at 8:10pm in the Town Hall on the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Sheila and Keith Curry, 7 Shaw Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

The proposed project is to build an addition consisting of family room and remodeled kitchen. The project is located at 7 Shaw Street and is further identified as Lot 118 on Assessors Map 17.

Conservation Commission 12/09

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, Dec. 13, 1999 at 8:30pm in the Town Hall to consider a Request for a Notice of Intent submitted by the Mattapoisett Water & Sewer Department. The hearing is for the Mattapoisett River Basin Protection Project. The project is to install a public sanitary sewer system within various Town streets and right-of-ways to alleviate septic disposal problems.

The project is located primarily north of Route 6 - Fairhaven Road, West of North Street and east of the Mattapoisett River as shown on Assessors Maps 16 &17.

Conservation Commission 12/09

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, Dec. 13, 1999 at 8:45pm in the Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Sheri Dillon.

The proposed project involves the construction of a single family dwelling and related works within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland pursuant to 310 CMR 10. The project is located at Perkins Lane, Lot 12H on Assessors Map 15.

Conservation Commission 12/09

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12/09, 12/16

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, Dec. 13, 1999 at 7:35pm in the Town Hall on the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Peter Gargas.

The proposed project is to wetland delineation. The project is located at Route 6 and Mattapoisett Neck Road and is further identified as Lot 49on Assessors Map 11.

Conservation Commission 12/09

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The Executive Board of the National Honor Society (NHS) at Bishop Stang High School announced the election of junior officers for the 1999-2000 school year prior to the close of school in June. Those elected were: President Jocelyn Lally (Acushnet); Vice President Chris Medeiros (Fairhaven); Secretary Teresa Flynn (Acushnet); Treasurer Zachary Baumgart (Fairhaven); Historian Amy Marie Desrosiers (New Bedford); and Parliamentarian Peter Amaral (Sandwich). Congratulations to the newly-elected Junior Officers of the Sr. Teresa Trayers, SND Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Mattapoisett Senior Touring Club

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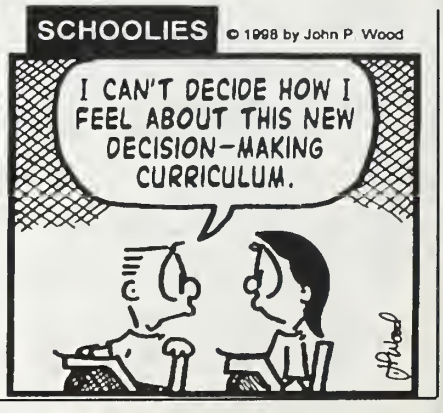

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SHINE Representative

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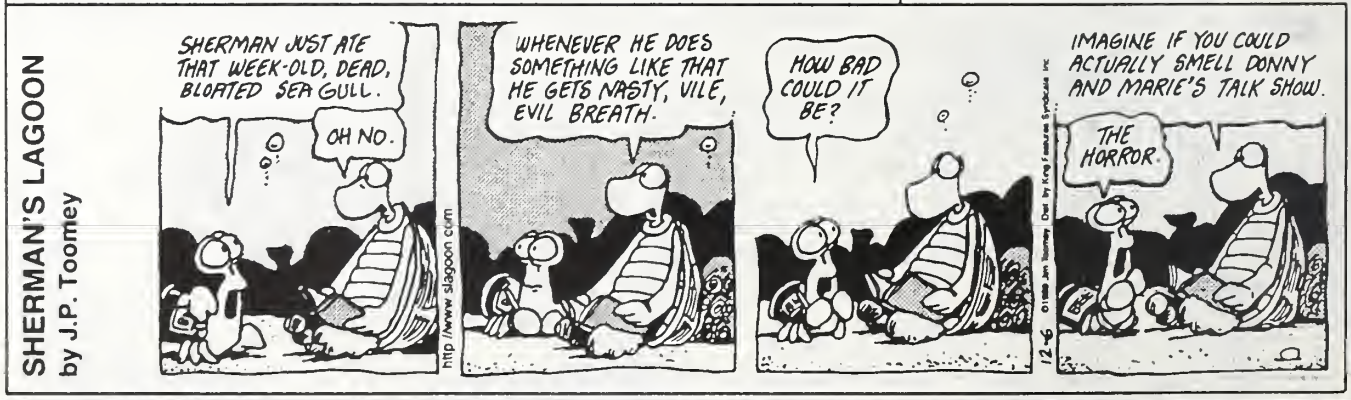

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Weekly Schedule

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• Monday, Wednesday and Friday - Walking club (please call the senior center for time and meeting place).

• Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - Grocery shopping trips for seniors without transportation.

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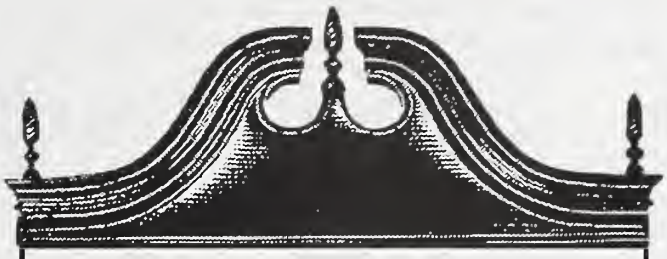

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December 10:	Fri.	9:12	9:35	2:08	2:48
December 11:	Sat.	9:53	10:18	2:44	3:23
December 12:	Sun.	10:36	11:04	3:23	4:01
December 13:	Mon.	11:21	11:53	4:06	4:43
December 14:	Tues.	. . .	12:11	4:54	5:31
December 15:	Wed.	12:47	1:07	5:50	6:25
December 16:	Thurs.	1:44	2:05	6:54	7:24
December 17:	Fri.	2:41	3:04	8:03	8:26
December 18:	Sat.	3:37	4:01	9:14	9:28
December 19:	Sun.	4:32	4:55	10:20	10:28
December 20:	Mon.	5:24	5:49	11:21	11:25
December 21:	Tues.	6:16	6:41	. . .	12:17
December 22:	Wed.	7:07	7:33	12:19	1:10
December 23:	Thurs.	7:58	8:24	1:12	2:02
December 24:	Fri.	8:50	9:16	2:05	2:52
December 25:	Sat.	9:42	10:10	2:57	3:43
December 26:	Sun.	10:35	11:04	3:51	4:34

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	December 15th
	Full Moon	December 22nd
	Last Quarter	December 29th
	New Moon	January 6th

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